



Attorney General Jon Bruning

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## **Attorney General Bruning Announces Sentence in Shaken Baby Death**

LINCOLN – Attorney General Jon Bruning today announced that John Chavez, 35, of Scottsbluff, was sentenced to 40 years to life in prison for the death of his 3-month-old daughter in 2009.

Chavez told police he shook Aubrey Chavez at least twice to stop her from crying, but he thought she was sleeping when he put her in an infant seat. The girl's mother later returned home from work and found her unresponsive.

“Mr. Chavez took out his frustration on a defenseless child,” Bruning said. “Now he’s being held accountable for his actions.”

Chavez was convicted of child abuse resulting in death in Scotts Bluff District Court in January. He also received 12 to 24 months for possession of methamphetamine.

Assistant Attorney General Doug Warner and Scotts Bluff County Attorney Tiffany Wassenberger handled the case.

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